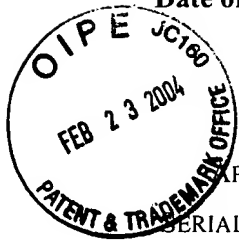


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 21, 2003 in the above-identified application. With no extension of time, these documents are due on or before Monday, February 23, 2004 (February 21, 2004 being a Saturday). Accordingly, Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this timely filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-502.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace the originally filed drawings, Figures 1A-9, with the twenty-five (25) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1A-9) attached hereto.